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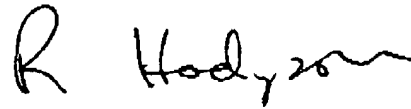
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1 COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Examiner's reasons for allowance in the office action of 3/19/2004 essentially quote elements of a broad claim of the patent, and do not expressly quote MPEP 1302.14 "the statement is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed, and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth."

Applicant states that, in addition to the reasons noted in the comment, other reasons for allowance are possible. For example, Applicant states that dependent claims are allowable over their respective parent claims.

Respectfully,



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